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SUBJECT: AHEPA ASSISTANCE TO CYPRIOT REFUGEES

REF: (A) STATE 238208, (B) NICOSIA 3941

- 1. OFFICERS OF EUR/SE MET LAST WEEK WITH AHEPA SUPREME PRESIDENT CHIRGOTIS TO DISCUSS CURRENT REFUGEE SITUATION ON ISLAND AND AHEPA'S PLANS FOR A MEDICAL AID PROGRAM. IT WAS CLEAR THAT THEIR PLANS ARE STILL IN PRELIMINARY STAGE, BUT CHIRGOTIS HOPES THAT AHEPA WILL BE ABLE TO DEVELOP SHORTLY A CONCRETE PROGRAM. WE AGAIN EMPHASIZED THAT DEPARTMENT WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH AHEPA IN ESTABLISHING SUCH A PROGRAM. FOR THIS PURPOSE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT AS REQUESTED IN STATE 238208.
- 2. UPON RECEIPT NICOSIA'S 3941, DEPARTMENT OFFICERS CONVEYED CONTENTS TO GEORGE LEBER, AHEPA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, AND STRESSED PARTICULARLY PRIORITY NEED FOR ADDITIONAL BLANKETS. LEBER INDICATED THAT, FOLLOWING RECENT VISIT TO GREECE AND CYPRUS OF AHEPA DELEGATION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AHEPA HEADQUARTERS HAD INFORMED ALL ITS CHAPTERS OF NEED

FOR BLANKETS AND THAT THEY ARE NOW BEING COLLECTED AND SENT TO NEW YORK FOR GRATIS SHIPMENT TO ATHENS BY OLYMPIC AIR LINES. MATERIAL IS THEN TO BE SENT TO CYPRUS BY SHIP

FROM PIRAEUS AT AHEPA'S EXPENSE. LEBER PROMISED TO TRY TO OBTAIN FOR US ESTIMATES ON HOW MANY BLANKETS AHEPA HAS COLLECTED AND SHIPPED AND HOW MANY ARE PENDING SHIPMENT. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED. KISSINGER

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